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Security Council

9.30 a.m. . . . . 5074th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

11 a.m. . . . . 5075th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

   Letter dated 8 October 2004 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2004/807)

3.30 p.m. . . . . 5075th meeting (resumed) . . . . . Security Council Chamber

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Letter dated 8 October 2004 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2004/807)

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

3.30 p.m. . . . . 118th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

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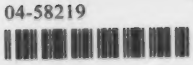

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

9.30 a.m. . . . . . 51st plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

2.30 p.m. . . . . . 52nd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: *report of the Secretary-General (A/59/332)* [39 and (a) and (c)]: *joint debate*

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: reports of the Secretary-General (A/59/93 and A/59/374)

   (c) Assistance to the Palestinian people

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/59/121)

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/59/L.24)

2. Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/59/L.15/Rev.1) . . . . . [35]

Main Committees

Third Committee

2.30–5.30 p.m. . . . . 42nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Programme planning . . . . . [109]

   Programme 19 of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [105 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.51

3. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . . . . . [105 (c)]

   *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.55**

4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [94 (a)]

   Proposed supplement to the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

5. Advancement of women . . . . . [98]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.24

6. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [105 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/59/L.34 and A/C.3/59/L.52

7. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . . . . . [105 (c)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.60

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m. . . . . 23rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Programme planning (A/59/16, A/59/87, A/59/6 (Part One), A/59/6 (Part One)/Corr.1, A/59/6 (Prog. 2), A/59/6 (Prog. 3), A/59/6 (Prog. 4), A/59/6 (Prog. 5), A/59/6 (Prog. 6), A/59/6 (Prog. 7), A/59/6 (Prog. 8), A/59/6 (Prog. 9), A/59/6 (Prog. 10)/Rev.1, A/59/6 (Prog. 11), A/59/6 (Prog. 12), A/59/6 (Prog. 13), A/59/6 (Prog. 14), A/59/6 (Prog. 15), A/59/6 (Prog. 16), A/59/6 (Prog. 17), A/59/6 (Prog. 18), A/59/6 (Prog. 19), A/59/6 (Prog. 20), A/59/6 (Prog. 21), A/59/6 (Prog. 22), A/59/6 (Prog. 22)/Corr.1, A/59/6 (Prog. 23), A/59/6 (Prog. 24), A/59/6 (Prog. 25), A/59/6 (Prog. 26), A/59/69, A/59/79, A/C.5/59/13, A/C.5/59/14 and A/C.5/59/15) . . . . . [109]

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/59/359 and A/58/785) . . . . . [118]

Conclusion of general discussion

3. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [113]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.10

Morning[1]–12.30 p.m. . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 109 (Programme planning (A/59/16, A/59/87, A/59/6 (Part One), A/59/6 (Part One)/Corr.1, A/59/6 (Prog. 2), A/59/6 (Prog. 3), A/59/6 (Prog. 4), A/59/6 (Prog. 5), A/59/6 (Prog. 6), A/59/6 (Prog. 7), A/59/6 (Prog. 8), A/59/6 (Prog. 9), A/59/6 (Prog. 10)/Rev.1, A/59/6 (Prog. 11), A/59/6 (Prog. 12), A/59/6 (Prog. 13), A/59/6 (Prog. 14), A/59/6 (Prog. 15), A/59/6 (Prog. 16), A/59/6 (Prog. 17), A/59/6 (Prog. 18), A/59/6 (Prog. 19), A/59/6 (Prog. 20), A/59/6 (Prog. 21), A/59/6 (Prog. 22), A/59/6 (Prog. 22)/Corr.1, A/59/6 (Prog. 23), A/59/6 (Prog. 24), A/59/6 (Prog. 25), A/59/6 (Prog. 26), A/59/69, A/59/79, A/C.5/59/13, A/C.5/59/14 and A/C.5/59/15))

2.30–4.30 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Human resources management (A/59/263, A/59/263/Add.1, A/59/263/Add.2, A/59/357, A/59/211, A/59/264, A/59/291, A/59/446, A/59/217, A/59/222, A/58/666, A/59/299, A/C.5/58/L.13, A/58/283, A/59/213, A/59/213/Add.1, A/C.5/59/CRP.3, A/C.5/59/4, A/59/388, A/59/253, A/59/152, A/58/704, A/56/956, A/56/956/Add.1, A/59/65 and A/59/65/Add.1))

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[1] Following the adjournment of the 23rd meeting of the Committee.

General Assembly

2004 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

9.30 a.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

[Documents A/CONF.208/2004/1*, A/CONF.208/2004/2, A/CONF.208/2004/L.1 and A/59/84-E/2004/53]

2004 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

Morning[1] . . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

[Document A/CONF.209/2004/L.1]

[1] Following the adjournment of the 1st meeting of the 2004 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Repertory of Practice of the United Nations Organs and the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council
2. Standards of accommodation for air travel
3. Executive session on the United Nations Environment Programme
4. Draft reports

Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law
Thirty-ninth session

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Open meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

3–6 p.m. . . . . Open meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2004

3.30 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations, convened by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), on all matters before the resumed substantive session for 2004

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. . . . 54th meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Coordination, programme and other questions . . . . . [7]

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

Action on draft decision E/2004/L.58/Rev.1

2. Regional cooperation . . . . . [10]

Action on draft decision E/2004/L.59

3. Economic and environmental questions . . . . . [13]

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Action on draft resolution E/2004/L.60 (and programme budget implications: E/2004/L.61)

[1] Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Council.

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Second Committee

Informal "informals"

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Paul Lolo (Nigeria), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa), will be held *today,* 11 November 2004, from 9.30 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. George Talbot (Guyana), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (b) (International financial system and development), will be held *today,* 11 November 2004, from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (b) (International migration and development), will be held *today,* 11 November 2004, from 9.30 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (c) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin), will be held *today,* 11 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (d) (Commodities), will be held *today,* 11 November 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Mark Ramsden (New Zealand), on the draft resolution on promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development (under agenda item 85 (b)), will be held *today,* 11 November 2004, from 12.30 to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Juraj Koudelka (Czech Republic), on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 85), will be held *today,* 11 November 2004, from 1 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Claudio Rojas (Chile), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (Globalization and interdependence), will be held *today,* 11 November 2004, from 12.45 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Gabriel Cremades (Spain), on the draft resolution on freshwater (under agenda item 85 (a)), will be held *today,* 11 November 2004, from 2.30 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Félix Mbayu (Cameroon), on the draft resolution on agenda item 84 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development), will be held *today,* 11 November 2004, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Gustavo Ainchil (Argentina), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind), will be held *today,* 11 November 2004, from 4 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. George Talbot (Guyana), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (b) (International financial system and development), will be held *today,* 11 November 2004, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

[*Announcement:* Background information on agenda items 44 (Information and communication technologies for development) and 92 (b) (United Nations University) is available at www.un.org/esa/documents/ac2.htm.]

Third Committee
Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations, convened by the Vice-President of the Third Committee, Ms. Astanah Banu Shri Abdul Aziz (Malaysia), to negotiate the Chairman's text relating to the issue of the revitalization of the work of the Committee *today*, 11 November 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Other meetings

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Thursday, 11 November 2004

JUSCANZ Group *(on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review (TCPR))*

9–9.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(Third Committee matters)*

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Group of 77 *(draft resolutions on groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries; specific actions relating to the particular needs an problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation; and eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))*

10 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3527B

Group of 77 *(briefing on the global framework of UNDP)*

11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on Haiti; followed by all outstanding issues before the Second Committee)*

12.30–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 *(coordinating meeting on sustainable development)*

12.45–2.15 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)*

12.45–2.15 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution entitled "The right to development" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia)

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on a draft resolution of the Third Committee on a Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations of the Third Committee on the promotion of a new international humanitarian order (organized by the Permanent Mission of Jordan)

11 a.m.–12.45 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

1–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on a draft resolution of the Third Committee on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (organized by the Permanent Mission of Pakistan)

2.45–5.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on a Sixth Committee draft resolution under agenda item 148 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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African Group *(Third Committee experts)*

12.45–2.15 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

OIC Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

12.45–2.15 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

OIC Group *(Sixth Committee experts: on human cloning)*

3.15–5.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

ASEAN New Committee (ANYC) *(at the ambassadorial level)*

2.30–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Thursday, 11 November 2004

Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Jan Egeland, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs (on the launch of the 2005 Humanitarian Appeal); to be joined by Ms. Angelina Atyam, Chair of Uganda's Concerned Parents Association

1.15 p.m. . . . . . Ambassador Samir Sumaidaie of Iraq (on a number of issues including the political role of religious leaders in the Middle East)

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 15 November 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10 a.m. . . . . 53rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: *note by the Secretary-General transmitting the ninth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/59/183)* [50]; Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: *note by the Secretary-General transmitting the eleventh annual report of the International Tribunal (A/59/215)* [51]: *joint debate*

Main Committees

Second Committee *List of speakers*

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (tel. 1 (212) 963-8429; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail olvida@un.org)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 24th meeting on Monday, 15 November 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 24th meeting and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Sixth Committee *List of speakers*

The list of speakers for all remaining items allocated to the Sixth Committee is open (A/C.6/59/L.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Nena Villena-Tanedo (tel. 1 (212) 963-5375; fax 1 (212) 963-1963; e-mail villena-tanedo@un.org)).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

There will be informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico, on Monday, 15 November 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico, will be held on Monday, 15 November 2004, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

There will be informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 39 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, on Tuesday, 16 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9, and on Thursday, 18 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

JUSCANZ Group *(on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review (TCPR))*

There will be a closed meeting of the JUSCANZ Group *(on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review (TCPR))*, organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, on Wednesday, 17 November 2004, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Briefing on the Sixth Global Forum on Reinventing Government (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea, in cooperation with the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, DESA)

There will be a briefing on the upcoming Sixth Global Forum on Reinventing Government (Seoul, 24-25 May 2005), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea, in cooperation with the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 18 November 2004, from 2 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Seok-hee Kang (tel. 1 (212) 439-4090; or e-mail shkang93@mofat.go.kr).

UNITAR workshop series on policy awareness and training in information technology

As part of the series on policy awareness and training in information technology, the third high-level seminar of this year on "Policy awareness and security issues in information technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 19 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The seminar is part of the third annual series, presented under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation. For further information please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology. Cycle IV of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held until Friday, 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Briefings by the Peacekeeping Best Practices Unit, Department of Peacekeeping Operations

There will be two briefings, organized by the Peacekeeping Best Practices Unit of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, as indicated below. Members of all Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Mesina (e-mail mesina@un.org).

Monday, 22 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber: briefing to the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the overview of its recent studies and introduction of the newly launched Gender Resource Package for Peacekeeping Operations; and

Tuesday, 23 November, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber: briefing by the Criminal Law and Judicial Advisory Unit (CLJAU) of the Peackekeeping Best Practices Unit, to the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations.

UNITAR workshop on international trade

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the World Trade Organization (WTO), is organizing a workshop on international trade. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York on Monday, 22 November, and on Tuesday, 23 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The workshop is intended primarily for members of Permanent Missions in New York. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Background information on a report of the Secretary-General

The report of the Secretary-General on the modalities, format and organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/59/545 and can also be found on the United Nations Web site (www.un.org/SG).

Preparations for the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (28 February-11 March 2005), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Addressing the linkages between the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration: progress, gaps and challenges; and (b) Future perspectives on the promotion of gender equality: through the eyes of young women and men. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org and/or proppe@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463; room DC2-1268 or room DC2-1262), no later than *19 November 2004*, indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated.

2004 Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World

Delegations are kindly informed that the list of speakers at the high-level segment on Thursday and Friday, 2 and 3 December 2004, at the First Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Executive Secretariat at the Geneva Branch of the Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. +41 (0) 22-917-5281 or 22-917-2281). Delegations are kindly asked to indicate the level of the representative as well as the preferred time-block for delivering their statement (i.e. 2 December, morning session, 2 December, afternoon session, or 3 December, morning session). Delegations are reminded that the allotted time for statements is 6 minutes.

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be sent by logging on to http://emeets.un.org and using the feedback form, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, announces that in accordance with draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.27 adopted by the Second Committee and General Assembly resolutions 58/213 A and B (A/RES/58/213), the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) will take place from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The high-level segment will be held on 13 and 14 January 2005. Two days of informal consultations will be held in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate effective preparations for the Meeting.

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 10 November 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

General Committee

6th meeting

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item submitted by several Member States (A/59/238) [8]

The representative of Kyrgyzstan, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item entitled "Rendering assistance to the poor mountain countries to overcome obstacles in socio-economic and ecological areas", under agenda item 88 (A/59/238).

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Nepal made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, France and Belgium.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Kyrgyzstan made a statement.

The General Committee decided to defer to a later date its consideration of the question of the inclusion of this additional sub-item.

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

23rd meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories . . [76]

The Committee concluded its general debate on this item with statements from the representatives of Kuwait, Sudan, Bangladesh, Morocco, Senegal, the United States, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Yemen, Bahrain, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro), Peru (on behalf of the Andean Community) and Israel.

The observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

In the exercise of the right of reply, statements were made by the observer of Palestine as well as by the representative of Lebanon.

Organization of work

The Committee decided to defer action on the draft proposals concerning items 75 and 76 until Wednesday, 17 November 2004, at 3 p.m.

The Chairman made a statement.

Second Committee

31st meeting

Groups of countries in special situations . . . . . [88]

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed countries

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representative of Uganda, Kuwait, Bhutan, Ethiopia, Haiti, Kazakhstan and Maldives.

The observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

A statement was also made by the representative of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

The Chairman made a statement.

Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [83]

(a) International trade and development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.25

The representative of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

(d) Commodities

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.26

The representative of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

Operational activities for development . . . . . [90]

(b) Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.28

The representative of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources . . . . . [91]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

An introductory statement was made by the Chief of the Regional Commissions New York Office.

In accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Committee held a dialogue with the substantive representative, during which comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic and Israel, to which the Chief of the Regional Commissions New York Office, responded.

General discussion

The Committee began its general discussion under the item and heard statements by the representatives of Qatar, Malaysia, the United Arab Emirates, Israel, Pakistan, Egypt and Kuwait, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The Chief of the Regional Commissions New York Office made an explanatory statement.

Organizational matters

The Chairman made a statement.

Third Committee

40th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [100]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Eritrea, Croatia, the Republic of Korea, Liechtenstein, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Canada, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Russian Federation, Cuba, Switzerland, Algeria, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, India, Indonesia, the United Republic of Tanzania and Jordan.

A statement was also made by the observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

41st meeting

The summary of the 41st meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2004/220).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Accession: Guinea (9 November 2004)[1]

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Accession: Guinea (9 November 2004)[1]

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Ratification: Mauritius (9 November 2004)[1]

OLA/UNITAR Seminar on the Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties

United Nations Headquarters, 9 and 10 November 2004

The above seminar, sponsored by the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat (OLA) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will take place on 9 and 10 November 2004 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The objective of the two-day seminar is to provide an overview of the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and the registration of treaties. The seminar is designed essentially to meet the needs of members of the permanent missions and representatives from capitals, and other personnel, in particular, legal counsellors and advisors, dealing with matters of treaty law, or specifically involved with the preparation of treaty actions with regard to multilateral treaties and with the registration of treaties pursuant to Article 102 of the United Nations Charter. Assistance and guidance will also be provided on the domestic aspects of participation in multilateral treaties.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

The seminar is based on the Treaty Handbook, which was developed and published by the Treaty Section of OLA. The Treaty Handbook is a practical guide to the depositary practice of the Secretary-General and the registration requirements of the Secretariat. It is designated to serve as a tool for Member States, secretariats of international organizations and legal practitioners.

For more information about the seminar, please contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Information Notes and Nomination Forms will be transmitted to the Permanent Missions accredited to the United Nations in New York by UNITAR shortly.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the theme of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Ottawa Landmines Convention: Review Conference Preparations (Nairobi, 29 November–3 December 2004)". The briefing will be held *today*, 11 November 2004, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Signe Glahn, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-8318; e-mail section1d@un.org).

Symposium on "Diabetes in Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa"

There will be a symposium on "Diabetes in Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa" on the occasion of World Diabetes Day, co-sponsored by the Global Alliance for Women's Health (GAWH), the Pan American Health Organization, Regional Office of the World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), and the Permanent Missions of the Bahamas, Barbados, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, El Salvador, Fiji, Grenada, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Panama, Singapore, Timor-Leste and Trinidad and Tobago. The symposium will be held on Tuesday, 16 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the office of Global Alliance for Women's Health (tel. 1 (212) 286-0424; e-mail contactus@gawh.org).

Launch of the International Year of Microcredit 2005 (18 November)

The International Year of Microcredit 2005 will be officially launched on Thursday, 18 November 2004. The opening ceremony will take place from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The documentary "Small Fortunes, Microcredit and the Future of Poverty" will be screened from 12 noon to 12.45 p.m. in the same room. High-level panels will also take place from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information on the programme, please contact the office of UNCDF (tel. 1 (212) 906-6229; Web site www.yearofmicrocredit.org).

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